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Long May It Wave

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"Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and indivisible; let it be a truth engraven on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we rally in every emergency, that we have one country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel Webster.

FAMOUS AUTHOR-SOLDIER
ASKS WAR RELIEF SUPPORT

Lieut. Coningsby Dawson Writes From
Battle Fields of France Appeal-
ing For Support of United
War Work Campaign
Drive.

New York, Nov. 5.—The War Council of the Young Women's Christian Association makes public today the following from Lieutenant Coningsby Dawson, of the Canadian Field Artillery, written on the battle-field in Northern France:

A Message to the American People.
"We at the front are doing our best—we are willing to give our all. We want to save nothing for ourselves, if only by giving we can bring peace to the world."

"You at home cannot fight with our lives. You CAN fight with your mercy. The Y. W. C. A. is offering you just this chance. They garishon the women's support trenches which lie behind the men's. They ask you to supply them with the munitions of mercy that they may pass them on to us. We need them badly. Give generously that we may the sooner defeat the Hun."

Coningsby Dawson, Lieut.
Canadian Field Artillery.

Coningsby Dawson, though born in England, finished his education in the United States and was living in Massachusetts when the war broke out. His novels, "The Garden Without Walls," "The Raft," "Slaves of Freedom" had brought him fame.

His family were living in Canada, and enlisting there, he has been at the front ever since.

His "Carry On"—a series of letters home from the front, has had an enormous circulation, and is filled with sentences which have found a place as familiar quotations.

Writing to his father, on the departure of himself and brothers to Europe, he said:

"I'm so sorry for you dear people, but I'd be sorry for you if we were all with you."

"If I were a father or mother I'd rather have my sons dead than see them falling when the supreme sacrifice was called for."

Pities Men Not There.
From the battlefield he wrote:

"We are sorry for the men who aren't here, for it's a wonderful thing to have chosen to sacrifice and perhaps to die that the world of the future may be happier and kinder."

"The men I pity are those who could not hear the call of duty."

In his latest book, "The Glory of the Trenches," Lieut. Dawson skillfully presents a side of war that makes everyone who reads it, want to back to his or her utmost those organizations which are backing the front with "munitions of mercy."

Seven of these organizations are uniting in a War Work Drive the week of November 11th, to raise sufficient funds to carry on their work during the continuance of hostilities and the long period of reconstruction which will follow. All who recoil at the sight of a soldier blinded or maimed by German treachery, can actively express their revulsion by generously contributing to this Campaign fund which the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., National Catholic War Council and Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, American Library Association, War Camp Community Service, and Salvation Army are out to raise.

Even chronic cases of rheumatism yield to Rheumal's power, says Worley & French; the druggists. If it doesn't help, your money will be returned.—Adv.

Clara Kimball Young at Empress Sunday and Monday in "Magda."

The new Select Pictures at Empress Sunday and Monday.

TROOPS TO HAVE
ELABORATE XMAS

WAR RELIEF AGENCIES TAKE
VULETIDE INTO CAMPS 'N
FRANCE.

SANTA CLAUS TO BE THERE

Funds Raised By United War Work
Campaign Will Aid in Cheering
Soldiers.

Santa Claus is going to France, too. This queer little figure so familiar to America with "his little round belly that shakes when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly," is going to pay his first visit to France.

The French children have never known so real or lovable a character as Santa Claus. Their Christmas has consisted of leaving their little sabots in the chimney corner while some kind spirit came in the night and left a gift there. But this Christmas will be visualized for them in a manner they can never forget.

Inside the funny red suit and wearing the snowy beard and wig may be a Y. M. C. A. or Knights of Columbus Secretary, a Jewish Welfare or Salvation Army man, for the service organizations are going to take an American Christmas to France, the last one on the other side of the Atlantic. Oh, yes, it is too, the last war time Christmas.

The organizations will be guided in their Christmas program by the one of last year, except that it will be more extensive and much more elaborate. When our boys were asked last season what they wanted most for Christmas, they replied with one voice—"children."

Who could conceive of a real Christmas without children? Not any member of the A. E. F. certainly.

"You might just as well include the children in whatever you plan," the Canteen Girl warned the Christmas Committee when it met in Paris. "If you don't, the boys will make their own Christmas. They miss the little ones at home and will find substitutes in the French babies." And the Canteen Girl knew because she spent the previous Christmas in a heavy artillery camp "somewhere in France." So this year the French children are included in the festivities as a matter of course.

"The Flag."
The hut was as near a dream as one could be with a mud floor, no glass in the windows, very little heat, and many, many rats. But holly and mistletoe were used without stint. Bright banners and posters adorned the walls, and the flag—"THE FLAG," the British say we call it, "as if there were no other flag"—was suspended over the canteen counter in a frame of ivy, while rays from an electric lamp cast from a reflector fell on its glittering stars.

Army trucks arrived loaded with children gathered up for miles around. The police came from the camp across the way, and all the guests were there. The Chaplain made an address of welcome in his faltering French, then suddenly two hundred childish voices, pitched high in their excitement, sang all four verses of the Marseillaise. Instantly every cap was off, and three thousand artillerymen stood stiffly at attention. A burst of applause, followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner!"

Then the real fun began.

This little picture is painted from last year's celebration and is a sample of a hut Christmas.

Early in the morning of this great holiday, the generals, colonels and all the other officers will be awakened by Christmas carols sung by khaki clad choir boys. Then after they have all gathered in the huts, the religious services will be held. First a Mass will be said by a Catholic Priest, then, perhaps a Rabbi will talk to his boys, and later the Protestant minister will hold worship.

In all the huts will be plenty of Xmas cards supplied by the agencies for the boys to send the folks at home. And for soldiers in out of the way places, cards will be issued, with the compliments of the service agencies, which will entitle them to a certain amount of smoke and eats at any hut canteen.

But the real Christmas gift from the agencies will be a booklet containing some of the wonders of America. There will be a picture of the highest building in New York, beauty spots of Yellow Stone Park and important points in American history. The French believe everything the Americans tell them but the English are apt to be dubious at times.

"Come now, said an English Tommie, "you can't expect me to believe that stuff about a fifty-one story building in New York, you know."

After they get this book the soldiers will be able to convince these "doubting Thomases" if they have to make "em count the stories."

Make your Christmas present to him through the fifteen thousand men and women wearing the service uniform by giving your share of the \$60,000,000 they need.

The new Select Pictures at Empress Sunday and Monday.

THANKSGIVING RAFFLING HIT
BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Copy of a Letter Sent to the Sheriffs
of the State By Food Adminis-
trator Prescott.

Lansing, Nov. 1.—"The United States Food Administration is opposed to any form of gambling that has for its object the winning of fowl," says Food Administrator Prescott.

"It is well known that gambling in the form of raffles, keno and similar games of chance with food commodities, such as turkeys and other fowl as prizes, is usually prevalent at this season of the year, therefore the public should know the attitude of the Administration in regard to these games wherever found."

Viola Dana in "Flower of the Dusk" at Empress Saturday.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
BELDING SAVINGS BANK

At Belding, Michigan, at the close of business Nov. 1, 1918, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department:

RESOURCES:
Commercial Savings
Secured by collateral \$11,723.25 \$ 4,264.42
Unsecured 72,488.06 26,019.00
Customers' liability account of acceptances 400.00
Items in transit 3,197.87
Totals \$87,809.18 \$ 30,283.42 \$118,092.60

Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:
Real estate mortgages 116,467.00
Municipal bonds in office 12,500.00
Municipal bonds pledged 4,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness in office 9,800.00
War Savings and Thrift Stamps 47,443.28
Other bonds 73,743.28
Totals 117,470.20 191,213.48

Reserves, viz:
Due from banks in Reserve Cities 31,206.54 7,129.98
U. S. Bonds and Cert. of Ind. carried as legal reserve 76,300.00
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness carried as cash reserve 8,000.00
Exchanges for clearing house 2,437.67
Currency 7,438.00
Gold coin 145.00
Silver coin 1,095.95
Nickels and cents 90.82
Totals 42,414.98 97,429.98 139,844.96

Combined Accounts, viz:
Overdrafts 313.65
Banking House 7,500.00
Furniture and fixtures 500.00
Due from other banks and bankers 5,187.96
Outside checks and other cash items 2.00
Revenue Stamps 115.00
Total 462,769.65

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock paid in 50,000.00
Surplus fund 15,000.00
Undivided profits, net 14,647.26
Commercial Deposits, viz:
Commercial deposits subject to check 164,204.94
Postal Savings deposits 609.16
Savings Deposits, viz:
Savings deposits 164,814.10 164,814.10
Book accounts, subject to Savings By-Laws 99,986.36
Certificates of deposit, subject to Savings By-Laws 113,087.67
Club savings deposits (Xmas, Thrift, etc.) 5,234.26
Total 218,308.29 218,308.29

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Ionia—
I, W. L. Lambertson, Cashier of Ionia—do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November 1918.
Louis A. Leonard,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Dec. 14, 1920.

Correct Attest:
E. C. Lloyd,
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Unsecured 177,414.62 35,589.55
Customers' liability account of acceptances 1,362.50
Totals 197,424.04 53,724.55 251,148.59

Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:
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Municipal Bonds pledged 2,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness in office 6,960.00 7,500.00
War Savings and Thrift Stamps 238.17 834.00
Other bonds 1,500.00 8,500.00
Totals 14,698.17 121,039.40 135,737.57

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Currency 6,721.00 3,000.00
Gold coin 639.50 4,000.00
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Nickels and cents 489.20
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Combined Accounts, viz:
Overdrafts 716.85
Banking house 8,000.00
Furniture and fixtures 3,643.20
Outside checks and other cash items 118.32
Total \$518,747.94

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock paid in 40,000.00
Surplus fund 10,000.00
Undivided profits, net 7,240.39
Dividends unpaid 125.00
Reserves for taxes, interest, etc. 700.00
Commercial Deposits, viz:
Commercial deposits subject to check 108,876.12
Demand Certificates of deposit 57,166.07
Postal savings deposits 925.18
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Book accounts, subject to Savings By-Laws 98,130.61
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"Dealers all along the line are co-operating to insure fair prices. Lotteries in food-stuffs, turkey raffles and enterprises of the sort, set at naught, at the attempt at regulation of prices and fair dealing."

"No purveyor of commodities who does business in the legal manner can complete with the man conducting a raffle, as he can pay and exorbitant price in purchasing. The raffle is not only illegal but unfair. It will not be permitted any where in Michigan."

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